MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Sir, enquiries have been made from year to year and they have been found to be of no use.

Fishing in the Backwaters of Quilon.

153. ✻ MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the fishermen carrying on fishing in the backwaters of Quilon petitioned to them that 'Kamba Valas' are used jointly and with stones tied to their bottom extensively in the lake;

(*b*) whether such fishing is detrimental to the development of fisheries in the State;

(*c*) whether the Professor of Marine Biology and Fisheries toured round and was convinced of the existence of such methods of fishing; and

(*d*) what action did the Government take to prohibit such methods of fishing?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) A notification has been published in the Gazette, dated 2-12-1941, warning the fishermen against the use of nets (Kamba Vala) joined together and with stones tied to their lower ends.

Visitors for markets.

154. ✻ MR. D. FRANCIS (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have considered the desirability of appointing visitors, official or non-official, for the important public markets in the State;

(*b*) whether hooligans enter the markets and trouble the petty sellers of goods to get something from them;

(*c*) whether there is any one to take care of the sanitary condition of the markets; and

(*d*) whether there is any one to look after the improvements of the markets?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) Yes; the officers of the Land Revenue and Public Health Departments.

(*d*) Yes; the officers of the Land Revenue Department.

Opening of a dispensary at Azhagappapuram.

155. ✻ MR. D. FRANCIS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received an interpellation last year for opening a dispensary at Azhagappapuram;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, what action have they taken for opening the dispensary; and

(*c*) whether they have under consideration a proposal to establish a dispensary there?

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